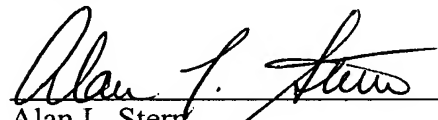


REMARKS:

The PTOL-85 Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated October 2, 2007 allowed each of claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-12. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance, and hereby submit this Amendment Under Rule 312 [37 C.F.R. §1.312 and MPEP §§714.16 and 714.16(d)] to add a priority statement to the specification. Priority to PCT/EP2002/012985 was asserted in the "TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATING/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371" accompanying the US application as filed. The filing receipt confirmed that priority is claimed to that same priority document. This addition to the specification is seen to be a formality and therefore subject to entry upon approval of the Examiner. See MPEP §714.16(d), section II.

The Applicants respectfully request approval and entry of this Amendment. The undersigned representative welcomes the opportunity to resolve any matters that may remain, formal or otherwise, via teleconference at the Examiner's discretion.

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